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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RUBIN, Alan A.

Application No: 08/835,482

Art Unit: 1615

Filed: April 8, 1997

Examiner: Sheikh

For: TREATMENT OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS BY NOVEL FORMULATIONS OF THE

COMBINATION CARBIDOPA-LEVODOPA

December 29, 2003

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment and Response in acknowledgment of and reply to the Office communication mailed to me December 15, 2003.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 24-31 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dempski et al. (US 4,900,755, collectively "Dempski") in view of Conte et al. (US 5,738,874, collectively "Conte").